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A. TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

1. BRAZIL: STICKS TO ITS GUNS ON NUCLEAR ACCORD

EMBASSY BRASILIA REPORTS FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA TOLD THE PRESS ON FEBRUARY 17 THAT BRAZIL HAD NOTHING TO FEAR FROM PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT ON USING ALL DIPLOMATIC MEANS TO HALT THE FRG-GOB NUCLEAR ACCORD. SILVEIRA SAID BRAZIL:

--IS NOT NEGOTIATING AND IS NOT GOING TO NEGOTIATE THE NUCLEAR ACCORD WHICH IT SIGNED WITH THE FRG; AND

--WOULD ONLY AGREE TO DEBATE THE "GLOBAL ASPECTS OF THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS," AND NOT THE NUCLEAR ACCORD BECAUSE IT ONLY HAS PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

EMBASSY COMMENT: SILVEIRA HAS FOR THE FIRST TIME PUBLICLY REFORMULATED WHAT BRAZIL WOULD CONSIDER ACCEPTABLE IN ITS DISCUSSIONS OF THE NUCLEAR QUESTION WITH THE US. IF THE GOB WERE TO ADHERE TO SILVEIRA'S REVISED FORMULATION RIGOROUSLY, THIS WOULD EXCLUDE NONPROLIFERATION OF THE CAPACITY TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR THE SPREAD OF SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY AS SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION.

2. TURKS VULNERABLE TO SOVIET ADVANCES

A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBASSY ANKARA THAT "WHETHER WE ADMIT IT OR NOT" PERIODS OF UNEASE
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IN TURKISH-US RELATIONS PROVIDE THE SOVIETS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE THEIR INFLUENCE IN TURKEY. AS EXAMPLES, HE CITED TURKEY'S RECEPTIVENESS TO RECENT SOVIET OFFERS OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND ITS AGREEMENT IN 1975 TO NEGOTIATE A "POLITICAL DOCUMENT" WITH THE USSR. WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER, HE SAID PROGRESS IS SLOW, BUT "THE SOVIETS HAVE GREAT PATIENCE." IN ANY CASE, HE ADDED, PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL MADE A POLITICAL DECISION THAT THE DOCUMENT WOULD NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

3. MEHTA CHARTS HAZARDS TO US-INDIAN RAPPROCHEMENT

FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA TOLD DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS FEBRUARY 14 THAT PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVED US-INDIAN RELATIONS WERE BRIGHTENING. MEHTA SAW FEW MAJOR BILATERAL PROBLEMS WHICH THREATENED TO SPOIL THE ATMOSPHERE, BUT NOTED THAT:

--INDIA'S ELECTIONS COULD PRODUCE SOME RHETORIC WHICH SHOULD NOT BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY THE US.

--A US DECISION TO PROVIDE OFFENSIVE AIRCRAFT TO PAKISTAN WOULD CREATE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES.

--A "JOLT" TO THE AVAILABILITY OF POWER FROM THE NUCLEAR PLANT AT TARAPUR WOULD BE A "JOLT" TO US-INDIAN RELATIONS.

--INDIA'S IDENTIFICATION WITH THE DEVELOPING WORLD WILL INEVITABLY CONTINUE TO CAUSE SOME FRICTION WITH THE US IN MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY.

4. MOROCCAN "ELECTORAL PROCESS" CONTINUES

EMBASSY RABAT REPORTS THAT THE JANUARY 25 SWEEP OF PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES BY PRO-REGIME "IMDEPENDENT"

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CANDIDATES HAS PROVOKED A NEW WAVE OF CONTROVERSY. THE OPPOSITION:

--HAS CHARGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT USED PRESSURE TACTICS;

--HAS SHOWN THE INCLINATION TO CONTINUE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS DESPITE ITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST GOVERNMENTAL IRREGULARITIES; AND

--WILL KEEP POSSIBLE BOYCOTT OF ELECTIONS IN RESERVE AS ITS ULTIMATE WEAPON AGAINST UNACCEPTABLE ELECTORAL PROCEDURES.

THE EMBASSY SEES KING HASSAN'S HEAVY ENGAGEMENT IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS AS IMPROVING THE CHANCES FOR COMPROMISE, AS HE WOULD PRESUMABLY LIKE TO HAVE A PARLIAMENT IN PLACE BEFORE TRAVELING ABROAD IN LATE SPRING.

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5. KHAMA SEES FRONTLINE CONTROL OF GUERRILLAS SLIPPING

BOTSWANA'S PRESIDENT KHAMA TOLD AMBASSADOR NORLAND FEBRUARY 18 THAT THE CURRENT IMPASSE IN RHODESIA IS HURTING PROSPECTS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT THERE. KHAMA SAID THAT SINCE 1974 THE FRONTLINE STATES HAD BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN A CERTAIN CONTROL OVER THE DIFFERENT NATIONALIST GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS THROUGH AN AGREEMENT THAT THE GROUPS WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO MAKE INDEPENDENT, BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR ARMS SUPPLIES. HE SAID THIS AGREEMENT WAS NOW BREAKING DOWN AS THE VARIOUS GROUPS DEVELOPED SEPARATE SOURCES OF SUPPLY, THUS WEAKENING THE INFLUENCE OF THE FRONTLINE STATES OVER THE MOVEMENTS AND INCREASING THE CHANCES OF FIGHTING AMONG THEM.

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KHAMA SAID BOTSWANA CONTINUED TO DENY THE GUERRILLAS THE RIGHT TO TRAIN ON ITS TERRITORY OR STRIKE AT RHODESIA ACROSS ITS BORDER. HOWEVER, HE SAID BOTSWANA WAS OBLIGED TO PROTECT ITSELF IF FIRED ON BY THE RHODESIANS. KHAMA ALSO SURPRISED THE AMBASSADOR BY EXPRESSING PLEASURE THAT THE US MAY RECONSIDER GIVING HIM MILITARY AID.

6. EC/PRC: THE CHINESE COME KNOCKING

THE PRC AMBASSADOR TO THE EC LAST WEEK REQUESTED THE RESUMPTION ON AN "URGENT" BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS ON A TRADE AGREEMENT. AMBASSADOR HUAN HSIANG BLAMED LACK OF PROGRESS OVER THE PAST YEAR ON THE "GANG OF FOUR" AND SAID THERE WAS NO LONGER ANY OBSTACLE TO SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON THE EC'S NOVEMBER 1974 OFFER OF A STANDARD FRAMEWORK TRADE AGREEMENT.

ACCORDING TO OUR MISSION TO THE EC, COMMUNITY OFFICIALS BELIEVE THIS SUDDEN MOVE BY THE CHINESE WAS STIMULATED BY THE SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE USSR WOULD BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE A FISHING AGREEMENT WITH THE NINE. THE OFFICIALS PREDICT THAT THE REMAINING DIFFICULTIES IN THE EC/PRC NEGOTIATIONS (MOST-FAVORED-NATION STATUS AND SAFEGUARDS) CAN BE OVERCOME SHORTLY.

B. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1. SOVIET COMMENTATOR CHARTS DETENTE COURSE FOR 1977

IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF NEW TIMES, PRESTIGIOUS SOVIET COMMENTATOR A. BOVIN MAKES AN UNUSUALLY STRONG CASE FOR THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE SO THAT THE U.S. AND THE USSR CAN GET ON WITH THE "REAL BUSINESS" OF DETENTE THIS YEAR. PEGGING HIS ARTICLE TO BREZHNEV'S SECRET

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REMARKS MADE ON THE EVE OF THE PRESIDENT'S INAUGURATION, BOVIN REASSERTS THE SOVIET COMMITMENT TO DETENTE AND DEFINES IT AS NOT A STATIC STATE BUT A "LENGTHY, MULTIFACETED, CONTRADICTIONARY PROCESS" OF RESTRUCTURING THE ENTIRE SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

WITHOUT DIRECTLY ADDRESSING THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, BOVIN STATES THAT THE PROBLEM OF DETENTE LIES

"PRECISELY IN THE FACT THAT THE SPHERE OF INTERSTATE RELATIONS IS CONNECTED IN THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE WAY WITH WHAT TAKES PLACE INSIDE THOSE STATES. THE CONTRADICTIONS, CONFLICTS AND STRUGGLE THAT ACCOMPANY THE REEWAL OF SOCIAL LIFE AND THE UNEVENNESS

OF SOCIAL PROGRESS IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES INEVITABLY AFFECT THE STATE OF WORLD AFFAIRS AND THE CHARACTER OF RELATIONS AMONG STATES."

HE THEN MERELY ADDS THAT THESE CONTRADICTIONS AND CONFLICTS DO NOT NEGATE DETENTE. QUOTING THE PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL REMARKS ON THE TASK AHEAD--"TO ESTABLISH JUSTICE AND LASTING PEACE ON THE GLOBE ON THE BASIS OF GENUINE HUMANITY"--BOVIN ASSERTS THAT THOSE WHO STILL BELIEVE FORCE IS THE WAY TO SOLVE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS "OUGHT TO LISTEN TO THE US PRESIDENT."

BOVIN ALSO MAKES A STRONG PITCH FOR A CHANGE IN THE CURRENT PSYCHOLOGICAL ATMOSPHERE OF DISTRUST. THE PREVAILING SITUATION, HE SAYS, DEMANDS DISCIPLINE AND SELF-CONTROL, TONING DOWN OF PROPAGANDA, AND "MUTUAL CONCESSIONS AND COMPROMISES." IN THIS BROAD CONTEXT HE LAYS OUT AN AGENDA FOR 1977--"A YEAR OF INTENSIVE TALKS":

--SALT II "IS TO BE COMPLETED";

--THE DEADLOCK ON MBFR MUST BE ENDED" AND
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--GREATER EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO FIND A MIDDLE EAST SOLUTION.

BOVIN ENDS ON A HOPEFUL NOTE: DETENTE "WILL CONTINUE, OF COURSE," AS WELL AS DIFFERENT CLASS INTERESTS AND IDEAS, CONFLICTS OVER WHICH DERIVE FROM "SPLITTING OF HAIRS." IT IS IMPORTANT, HE CONCLUDED, THAT THE DISPUTE OVER HAT CONSTITUTES DETENTE "NOT CAUSE A DEPARTURE FROM ACTUAL DETENTE, AS UNFORTUNATELY OCCURRED LAST YEAR."

2. PRAVDA BLASTS SADAT

THE WAR OF WORDS BETWEEN MOSCOW AND CAIRO APPEARS TO BE HEATING UP AGAIN. IN AN UNUSUALLY STRONG PERSONAL ATTACK ON PRESIDENT SADAT, THE SOVIET PARTY DAILY PRAVDA HAS ACCUSED HIM OF PEDDLING "LIES, SLANDER, AND FALSIFICATION" IN MEMOIRS CURRENTLY BEING SERIALIZED IN EGYPTIAN AND KUWAITI JOURNALS. ACCORDING TO THE AUTHOR, SADAT, BY HIS ATTACKS ON THE USSR

--IS GOING "FAR BEYOND THE LIMITS OF ELEMENTARY PROPRIETY AND NORMS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN RELATIONS AMONG STATES", AND

--DELIBERATELY INTENDS TO "LEAD MATTERS TO A FURTHER WORSENING OF SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS WITHOUT ANY REGARD FOR CONSEQUENCES."

MORE PARTICULARLY, THE EDITORIAL CHARGES SADAT WITH

--MISREPRESENTING THE LEVEL OF AID MOSCOW GAVE EGYPT
DURING THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ISRAEL;

--"SMEARING" THE "LOFTY MISSION" OF SOVIET MILITARY
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ADVISORS IN EGYPT; AND

--ALLEGING THAT SOVIET WEAPONS WERE "OBSOLETE" AND
'INEFFECTIVE."

SADAT'S MEMOIRS HAVE BEEN RUNNING IN AN EGYPTIAN
MAGAZINE AND A KUWAITI JOURNAL SINCE THE END OF LAST
OCTOBER. HE HAS SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE USSR, ACCUSING
MOSCOW OF WORKING TO PUT EGYPT UNDER ITS THUMB AND OF
REFUSING TO TREAT CAIRO AS A SOVEREIGN EQUAL IN BI-
LATERAL RELATIONS.
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